

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 20 as originally filed have been cancelled. New claims 21 – 41 have been added. Independent claim 21 discloses a method of enhancing selected digital video frames, or portions thereof, included in a digital video stream. The inventive method recites at least the following operations,

“selecting a particular one of the digital video frames for enhancement;
selecting others of the digital video frames associated with the particular digital video frame; and
enhancing the selected digital video frame based upon information included in the other digital video frames and the particular digital video frame.”

The Applicant believes that none of the cited references taken singly or in any combination anticipate or suggest the invention as recited in claim 1.


Therefore, the Applicant believes that the new claims 21 – 41 are allowable over the cited references. Independent claims 28 and 35 recite essentially the same limitations as claim 21 albeit in terms of computer program product and an apparatus that are nonetheless also allowable over the cited art.

All dependent claims depend either directly or indirectly from claims 21 or 28 or 35 and are also allowable for at least the reasons stated for the independent claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are allowable. Should the Examiner believe that a further telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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